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Repairs to cause delayed openings at Wright Patman Lake and Lake O' the Pines parks

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in the interest of public health and safety, closed a number of its parks at Wright Patman Lake and Lake O' the Pines following ice storms in December.

Intermittent freezing and thawing has damaged roads and falling trees and limbs have damaged group shelters, restrooms, utility lines, trails and other facilities. Debris cleanup will be extensive as will tree trimming to rid recreation areas of dangling limbs.

Corps officials have completed preliminary assessments for repairs at both lakes totaling approximately \$1 million.

Bids for contract services for debris removal only are being accepted until Feb. 27th for Wright Patman Lake and Feb. 28th for Lake O' the Pines. Contractors are expected to be on site by mid-March. Most parks should be open by mid-April.

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Note to editors: See attached for damage assessments. Road repair estimates are not included since they do not directly impact the opening of most recreation facilities.

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Lake O' the Pines
Ice Storm Damage

Primary Access Roads: Roadways to prime facilities, Corps headquarters office and access roads that serve both through traffic and multiple parks.

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Brushy Creek Park: Most heavily visited campground, therefore top priority for cleanup.

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal
Miscellaneous recreation facility repair

Alley Creek Park: Fourth most visited campground.

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Buckhorn Creek Park: Third most visited campground. A portion of this park is still open for camping.

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal
Miscellaneous recreation facility repairs

Johnson Creek Park and Day-Use Area: Second most visited campground and day-use area, open year-round. A portion of this park is still open for camping.

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Corps Headquarters Area:

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal
Miscellaneous repairs

Hurricane Creek Park:

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal
Miscellaneous recreation repairs

Overlook Area:

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Lakeside Park: Most popular day-use area on lake.

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Shady Grove Day-Use Park: Second most popular day-use area on the lake.

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Cedar Springs Park:

Ground debris removal (completed)
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

* Oak Valley Boat Ramp:

Ground debris removal (completed)

* Pine Hill Boat Ramp:

Ground debris removal (completed)

* Copeland Creek Boat Ramp:

Ground debris removal (completed)

* Lone Star Boat Ramp:

Ground debris removal (completed)

* If funds allow, additional tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal will be performed adjacent to access road to boat ramps.

Wright Patman Lake
Ice Storm Damage

Primary Access Roads: These are roadways to prime facilities, Corps headquarters office and access roads that serve both through traffic and multiple parks.

Ground debris removal
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Rocky Point Park: Most heavily visited campground, therefore top priority for cleanup.

Ground debris removal
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal
Miscellaneous recreation facility repair

Clear Springs Park: Second highest use.

Ground debris within park
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal
Miscellaneous recreation facility repair

Corps Headquarters Area:

Ground debris removal
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal
Security fence repair

Northshore Park: Most popular day-use area on the lake. Open March through September, except the boat ramp which is open year-round.

Ground debris removal
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Malden Lake Park: Old park received no damage. New park, which has 39 class "A" campsites, received some damage.

Ground debris removal
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Piney Point Park: Has a number of class "C" sites and 48 class "A" sites. Located near Rocky Point Park but does not get near the use of Rocky Point. As Rocky Point fills to capacity during the spring months and holidays, Piney Point accepts the overflow.

Ground debris removal
Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal
Miscellaneous recreation repairs

Elliott's Bluff Park: Boat ramp access adjacent to the dam.

Ground debris removal

Jackson Creek Park: Fee area for class "C" campsites and day use boat launching. Have received a number of inquiries about why the park is closed and when it will be reopened. Primarily used by hunters and fishermen.

Ground debris removal

Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Spillway Park: Free day-use area, popular during early spring for kite flying, picnics, etc.

Ground debris removal

Intake Hill Park: Class "C" camping area adjacent to Mallard Bay Marina. Day use of unoccupied sites is allowed.

Ground debris removal

Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Oak Park: Day-use area with pavilion, received visitation of 50,800 during FY '99.

Ground debris removal

Tree trimming/hanging limbs w/removal

Highway 59 Park: Free access area to the Sulphur River below the dam. Heavily used by fishermen and sightseers.

Ground debris removal

Removal of hanging limbs w/removal